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FOREIGN MINISTER MEETING

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1. JANUARY 29 LIMA PRESS REPORTS FONMIN DE LA FLOR'S STATEMENTS
IN SUPPORT OF ARGENTINE DECISION TO POSTPONE BA FOREIGN MINISTERS
MEETING. FONMIN STATED THAT DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S. AND LA
OVER TRA PRESENTED UNFAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR BA MEETING.
NOTING THAT TLATELOLCO AND ATLANTA MEETINGS HAD SERVED TO
SKETCH LINES OF IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND LA,
DE LA FLOR SAID THEY HAD BEEN BASED ON EQUALITY, NON-INTERVENTION,
IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM, RESPECT FOR EACH NATIONS'S NATURAL RE-
SOURCES AND THE CONDEMNATION OF COERCIVE MEASURES.

2. PRESS QUOTES DE LA FLOR AS ADDING THAT THE TRA IS COERCIVE
AND DISCRIMINATORY AND HAS PRODUCED A LOGICAL REACTION IN ALL THE
AFFECTED COUNTRIES. HE SAID GOP BELEIVES THAT GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF OAS SCHEDULED TO CONVENE IN APRIL IS THE BEST FORUM TO DIS-
CUSS TRA.

3. JANUARY 30 GOVERNMENT-OWNED LA CRONICA REPORTS FONMIN'S
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STATEMENTS MADE DURING BOGOTA STOPOVER ON WAY TO CARACAS. AGAIN

LINKING POSTPONEMENT TO BA MEETING WITH TRA, DE LA FLOR IS
QUOTED AS SAYING "ALL THE LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE RE-
CEIVED WITH EXTRAORDINARY SATISFACTION THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT'S
DECISION TO POSTPONE THE NEW DIALOGUE WITH THE U.S." REFERRING
TO TRA, DE LA FLOR STATED "IT'S POSSIBLE THAT IT MAY HAVE SOME
ADVANTAGES FOR BILATERAL TRADING BUT (ON BALANCE) IT CONTAINS
MORE NEGATIVE ASPECTS."
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